

HCS HB 1710 -- MISSOURI WORKS TRAINING PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Zerr (Hough)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Economic Development by a vote of 20 to 0.

This substitute requires the Department of Economic Development to establish the Missouri Works Training Program to assist qualified companies with the training of employees in new jobs and the retraining or upgrading of the skills of full-time employees in retained jobs. The program is to be funded through appropriations to the Missouri Works Development Fund which was formerly the Missouri Job Development Fund, the Missouri Works Community College New Jobs Training Fund which was formerly the Missouri Community College Job Training Program Fund, and the Missouri Works Community College Job Retention Training Fund which was formerly the Missouri Community College Job Retention Training Program Fund. The department must, to the maximum extent practicable, prioritize funding to assist qualified companies in targeted industries. The substitute specifies the requirements for a qualified company to receive benefits under the program, how the benefits will be calculated, and the penalties for failure to meet any requirements under the program. These provisions will expire July 1, 2018, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.

The provisions regarding the Missouri Job Training Joint Legislative Oversight Committee are repealed and the Missouri Works Jobs Training Joint Legislative Oversight Committee is established consisting of three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem. An annual report must be submitted by October 1 to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Pro Tem of the Senate regarding all assistance provided to industries under these provisions during the preceding fiscal year.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 to a cost of Unknown in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will give the Department of Economic Development more options in creating job training benefits by allowing use of existing job training funds to target areas that require specialized training.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hough; Department of Economic Development; Missouri Economic Development Council; St.

Louis Community College; Missouri Community College Association; Missouri Chamber of Commerce; St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; and Associated Industries of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.